

High Sierra VACATION BY PACK TRAIN

You're heading up McGee Canyon.



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McGee Creek
PACK STATION

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DISCOVER A RELAXING HIGH SIERRA VACATION

If you have never experienced the grandeur of California's EASTERN HIGH SIERRA, then treat yourself to a pack trip for your family or friends that will be enjoyed and talked about for years. Packing in by horse and mule is the ideal way to see the scenic beauty of our Sierra, it's fun, easy and you will learn much about the wildlife, plants, and geology of the high country from our pleasant McGee Creek Packers and "Packerettes." In addition, we breed, raise, and train our own registered Morgan horses which are a delight to ride and get to know.

McGEE CANYON is both uncrowded and noted for being the most colorful in the state, from the abundant variety of wildflowers to the marbled effect of red slate and granite in our majestic peaks. From any of our secluded campsites you can hike to any of our nine canyon lakes or explore the many streams and waterfalls.

The shortest and most direct route to UPPER FISH CREEK, famous for its superb fishing lakes and creek is over unique McGEE PASS (12,000 feet).

The High Country is a world that can be appreciated by Fishermen, campers, and hunters who are looking for relaxation in grand surroundings as well as sport. Children will particularly find exploring an opportunity that can never be found in the city. GOLDEN, RAINBOW, and EASTERN BROOK TROUT are abundant in the streams and mountain lakes to please the novice as well as challenge the expert.

Imagine yourself on a horse headed up the trail taking in the beauty of quaking aspen, a monk's hood flower by the waterfall, a few deer peeking at you through the willows, a rugged peak dropping to a velvet green meadow—all can be yours to see, photograph and treasure.

LET US PLAN AN EXCITING TRIP FOR YOU.



Fish Creek Trail



Big McGee



First day out

High Sierra Meadow



PLANNING YOUR PACK TRIP

When planning a trip, the following information is necessary for us to know: the number in your party, your starting and returning dates, the type of trip and the area you wish to visit. You need to know that each pack animal will carry approximately 125-150 pounds, each packer is limited to five animals, and that we issue all necessary permits. A 20% deposit will insure your reservation and we confirm your request with a letter and a helpful pack list. The balance is due prior to your trip departure. Our types of trips are:

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ALL-EXPENSE TRIP: this is a relaxation trip for those seeking a care-free time or taking their first trip to see how it's done. Delicious food is prepared, all camp gear is furnished and set up for you at a beautiful and convenient campsite (except your personal gear, sleeping bag, and mattress), and the horses are available for daily excursions. In addition, we offer a special treat: A riding lesson suited for better enjoyment of your horse and riding the Sierra trails.

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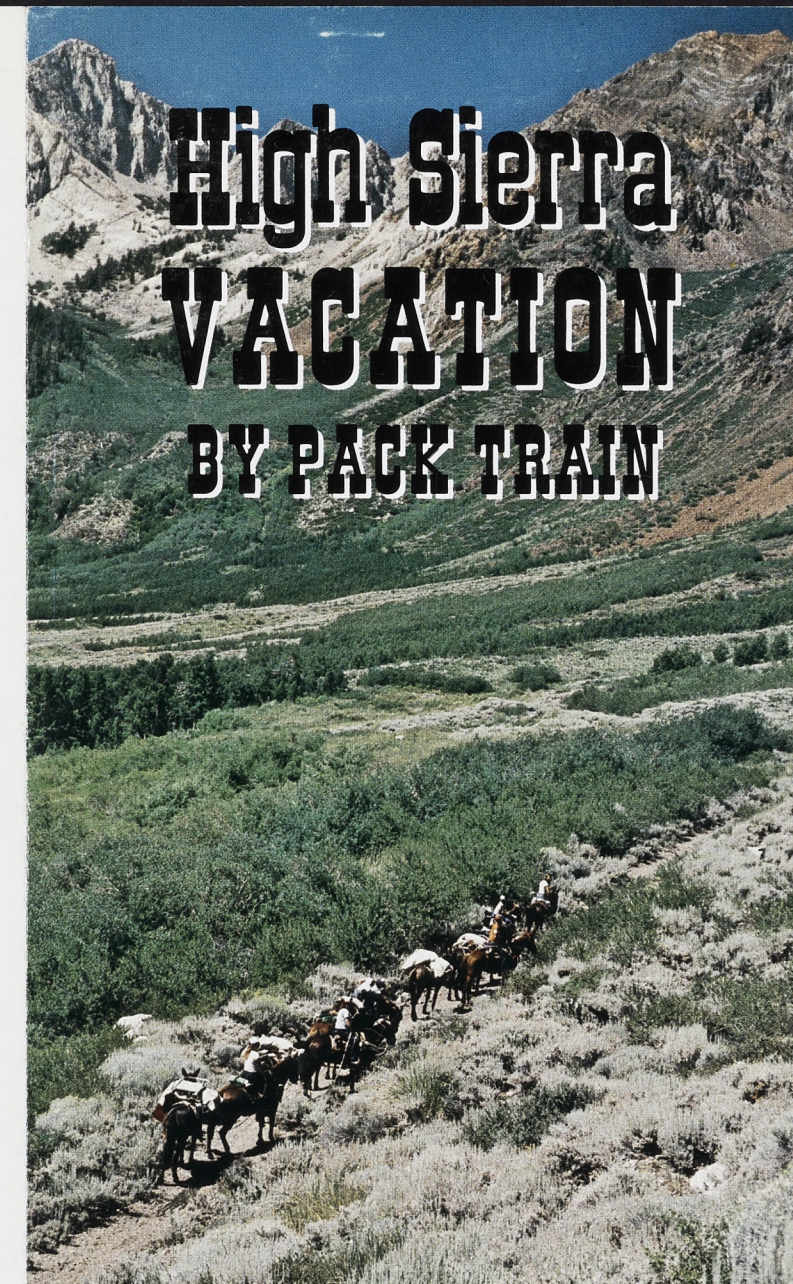
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Junior Packer Campout



1985 RATES

Reservation, Deposit, Payment and Refund Policy

1. A 20% non refundable deposit is required of each party member to insure your reservation. A confirmation letter and a helpful pack list will be sent to you upon receipt of your deposit. If your trip must be cancelled, we will gladly apply your deposit to a trip the following year. If some members of your party cancel, their deposit cannot be applied towards the balance of the trip. Also note that the rate of your trip cost per person may change if some members cancel.
2. The full balance of your trip is due on the day of your trip departure **except** hunting trips — those are due in full when booking the trip or by August 1, to insure your reservations.
3. **NO REFUNDS** will be made if a party terminates their trip early.
4. Please note the price differences for packers and stock for regular season and hunting season trips.

Addresses and Phone Numbers

Please note our addresses and phone numbers to be used when inquiring or corresponding about our services:

From Nov. 1 thru May 31:

Star Rt. 1 - Box 100A
Independence, CA 93526
Phone: (619) 878-2207
let phone ring

From June 1 thru Oct. 31:

Rt. 1 - Box 162
Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546
Phone (619) 935-4324

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REGULAR SEASON RATES

SPOT TRIP: The two way trip for your party to a desirable campsite. The price includes your packers and a horse and a mule per person. A pack animal carries 125-150 lbs. of gear — if you are overweight, there will be an additional \$25.00 per mule charge for each day.

One Day Rate into McGee Canyon (2½ - 4½ hour ride in)

- 2..... \$160.00 per person
- 3-4..... \$150.00 per person
- 5 or more..... \$135.00 per person

Two Day Rate into Upper Fish Creek (6 - 7½ hour ride in)

- 2..... \$260.00 per person
- 3-4..... \$245.00 per person
- 5 or more..... \$225.00 per person

ALL-EXPENSE TRIP: This is an all-inclusive trip at a **deluxe base camp** where relaxation is the key word. Everything is provided for you (except your own personal gear).

- 2..... \$105.00 per person per day
- 3-4..... \$95.00 per person per day
- 5 or more.... \$85.00 per person per day

TRAVEL ALL-INCLUSIVE TRIPS:

- Hikers** same as all-expense trip rates above
- Riders** add \$20.00 per person per day to the all-expense trip rates above

STRAIGHT RATES: For Dunnage trips, or Travel trips (no meals or camp equipment provided).

- Horses and Mules .. \$28.00 each per day
- Packer and Horse .. \$70.00 per day
(handles up to **5 head** of stock)
- Cook and Horse ... \$70.00 per day

JOHN MUIR WILDERNESS TRAIL

RIDE: A 7-day traveling all-inclusive trip. Write for more information ... \$495/per person.

TEPEES: Includes hot showers, BBQ facilities with picnic tables, firepit. Sleeps up to 6. \$18.00 per night per tepee.

JUNIOR PACKER CAMPOUT: Send for our separate brochure.

CAMP I \$230.00 per person per week June 22-29; June 29-July 6

CAMP II \$275.00 per person per week July 27-August 3

SPRING AND FALL TRAIL DRIVE: Send for our separate brochure.

\$200.00 per person includes 4 days with horse and meals, campout

PACKING SCHOOL: Send for our separate brochure — includes lectures, riding, trail, packing lessons, and experience, plus room and board. 1 week - \$350.00, Additional days - \$50.00 each day.

BURROS: Send for our separate brochure . . . \$100.00 each per week (1 week - 7 day minimum). \$15.00 per day per animal charge over 7 days.

HUNTING TRIP RATES

SPOT TRIPS:

X-9 Area McGee Canyon

- 2..... \$200.00 per person
- 3-4..... \$180.00 per person
- 5 or more..... \$165.00 per person

D-7 Area-Upper Fish Creek

- 2..... \$325.00 per person
- 3-4..... \$300.00 per person
- 5 or more..... \$275.00 per person

ALL INCLUSIVE: Meals, guide, stock, room.
\$125.00 per person per day

GUIDED DAY HUNTS:

- Guide..... \$150.00
- Horses..... \$40.00

UNGUIDED DAY HUNTS:

- Party of 1-3 Packer..... \$80.00
- Horses..... \$40.00 each
- Party
of 4 or more \$60.00 each

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